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Wildfire Awareness Week Event

**CDF to Demonstrate Firefighting Techniques
On the Ground and from the Air**

Sacramento – The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) will kick off Wildfire Awareness Week with a demonstration of firefighting drills in the foothills outside of Sacramento on Monday May 10, 2004 starting at 10:00 a.m.

“Wildfire Awareness Week gives us a chance to call the public’s attention to the threat of wildfire. Our message is that we are getting ready for fire season, and so should you,” said CDF Chief of Fire Protection Jim Wright. “

“It’s a Clear Choice” is the theme of this year’s event. “The message is two-fold,” adds Chief Wright. “Now is the time to clear the flammable material around your structure to create a defensible space for our firefighters. And it is clear that defensible space increases the chance that your home will survive wildfire.”

This year’s event will be held at the Auburn Lake Trails (ALT) community in El Dorado County. This site was selected because it is a classic wildland urban interface area where houses and fire country are intermingled. ALT was also selected because of its citizens’ extraordinary commitment to becoming a Fire Safe Community. Visitors to the event will see several examples of the kind of fuels modification that have improved this community’s odds of surviving a wildfire, including a shaded fuel break, defensible space and fire safe landscaping.

What: Wildfire Awareness Week Press Event (visuals include firefighting and helicopter demonstrations)

Where: Auburn Lake Trails (allow one hour’s drive from Sacramento.
Directions attached or available by calling (916) 653-5123

When: Monday May 10, 2004 - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Directions to Auburn Lake Trails

I-80 N.E. Reno

Exit Hwy. 49 in Auburn -Right - (Grass Valley turn off)

At light turn left onto Lincoln Way

Follow Hwy. 49 signs thru town at Canyon bottom Hwy 49 turns right over river to the town of Cool.

Turn left onto Hwy. 193 in Cool

Auburn Lake Trials is about 1 mile up on the left

1400 American River Trail, Cool CA 95614

